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Good morning Michael. I'm forwarding your inquiry to Ron Bergman of our Headquarters office for response, Thanks for your interest.

Michael Behar

Philip, I am a freelance journalist (www.michaelb...

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From: Michael Behar <michael@michaelbehar.com>

To: Philip Dellinger/R6/USEPA/US@EPA

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Subject: Induced Seismicity

Philip,

I am a freelance journalist (www.michaelbehar.com) and writer for Mother Jones magazine (www.motherjones.com). At the moment, I'm working on a feature story about wastewater injection and its relationship to earthquakes. If you're not familiar with the magazine, Mother Jones is a nonprofit news organization that specializes in political, science, and environmental reporting. We currently have two main channels: an award-winning bimonthly national magazine (circulation 240,000), and a website featuring new, original reporting 24-7.

My article will be primarily a science/geology story that examines what we already know about wastewater injection, what we're discovering in light of recent seismic events, and what elements we're still trying to understand. I'll also explore a few other themes, such as risk mitigation and predictive geomechanics.

Having said all this, I understand that the EPA has started the Underground Injection Control National Technical Workgroup to draft a paper with suggestions for new regulatory guidelines. Is that paper public yet? Is there someone at the EPA I can talk to about the paper and potential regulatory guidelines? I'd like to include a discussion in my story about what kinds of risk mitigation might be done when siting new Class II injection wells and it seems to me that the EPA is on the forefront of this research.

Best,

Michael Behar

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